

SMITH GILBERT GARDENS

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ADMISSION DURING NORMAL HOURS:

Adults:	\$7.00
Senior Citizens	\$6.00
Active Military:	\$6.00
Children 6-12	\$5.00
5 and under:	Free

2010 Program fees vary. Please check individual class.

Summer Programs at Smith-Gilbert Gardens

Classes begin at 10 AM unless otherwise noted and vary in length. All programs are \$15 unless otherwise noted.

This includes admission to the Gardens. Registration recommended.

Saturday, June 5, 10 AM— The Fern Lady

Along with millions of attendant spores, Eleanor Craig (a.k.a. "The Fern Lady") will be back by popular demand to speak on one of earth's most ancient plant types. Learn about site location, soil preparation, and plant adaptation for our area. Oh, and her lacy friends will be available for purchase! Fee: \$15.

Saturday, June 12, 10 AM—Homemade Hypertufa Containers

Resembling natural rock, hypertufa is a lighter, porous, and less expensive alternate to the watering troughs originally used for planters. These lightweight, yet tough, containers are ideal for sedums, alpine plants, etc. You bring a form (plastic bowl, box, etc.) along with gloves and we will mix and provide the hypertufa. Such a deal! Sign up now before the cement hardens. Fee: \$15.

Saturday, June 26, 10 AM—Hurray for Hydrangea!

Mike Sikes from McCorkle Nurseries will explain the secrets of selecting, sighting, planting, pruning and caring for hydrangeas to get the most from this beautiful Southern Heritage plant. Stand back as a couple of varieties can climb trees, the sides of buildings, or the leg of a person who stays in one place for too long! Plants will be available for purchase. Fee: \$15.

Saturday, July 10, 10 AM—Sculpture Walk and Talk With Artist Edward Chrisman

Ed Chrisman, creator of one of the most popular pieces of sculpture at Smith-Gilbert Gardens (see artist rendering to left), will conduct a tour of the Gardens sculpture. Join this brilliant artist (he speaks English and not Latinese) as he walks around our grounds and listen to a sculptor's insight regarding the many pieces we have here at SGG.

You will be captivated by this charming man. Fee: \$15.

Saturday, July 24, 10 AM—"I Like My Yard Just a Little on the Trashy Side"

The ice and snow we experienced this winter caused the cancellation of the always humorous, slightly quirky Eddie Rhoades. Eddie has a discerning eye for unusual yard art. Over the years he has photographed whimsical outdoor displays. He will share his photos and perform his original song. Laughter guaranteed. Fee: \$15

Saturday, July 31, 10 AM—Canning 101 with Smith-Gilbert Gardens Executive Director Doug Davis

Smith-Gilbert Executive Director Doug Davis is a man of many talents. He is better known for his skills as a Horticulturalist, but at Smith-Gilbert we love him for the relishes, pickles and green beans he cans and shares.

Those who would like a lesson in canning will find this class fun and informative. Fee: \$15.

Saturday, August 7, 1 to 3 PM—Winterizing Your Beehive

Join Dan Harris from Booger Hill Bee Co. (yes, that's correct) as he walks students (non-stung, we hope) through a getting-those-six-legged-ladies-ready-for-winter final inspection. He will open the hives on the grounds, evaluate the health of the bees and discuss methods of fall feeding. Sorry guys, but in the honey producing realm, males are only needed for one thing and then it is out of the hive, bud! Fee: \$20. Limit 15 participants.

Saturday, August 14, 10 AM—Bonsai Tour of Trees

Smith-Gilbert is home to over 200 elegant pieces of living sculpture. Bonsai is the Japanese art of growing trees and other woody plants in containers. Learn about the history of bonsai and develop a greater appreciation for the plants in our collection. Fee: \$15.

Saturday, August 28, 10 AM—Perennial Bed Tour with SGG Gardener Jack Driskell

Our perennial bed is at its peak in the late summer and fall when its most vibrant colors, red and shades of purple, are in bloom. Watch and listen as Jack conveys his infectious love for the asters, sedum, salvia and other tantalizing plants in our perennial border. Fee: \$15.

Children's Programs

Classes begin at 10 AM. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration recommended. All programs are \$10 which includes admission to the Gardens.

Sat., June 19, 10 AM— Starting with balls of clay formed into pinch pots, kids will make decorative vases.

Wed., June 23, 10 AM— Sponsored by Cobb Water, puppetry will entertain while helping children become caretakers for our environment.

Sat., July 17, 10 AM— Bees, wasps, butterflies... Learn all about pollinators. You'll be the smartest kid in the class!

Sat., August 21, 10 AM— We will paint a growth chart on 6 foot poles. Don't chart your growth on the door jam!

GARDEN HOURS

Mon. thru Sat. 9 AM to 4 PM (Last admission 3:00 PM)

Closed on holidays

Guided Tours: Tours for a minimum of 5 people are available by appointment.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

No pets allowed. No smoking.

WEDDING OR GROUP
RENTAL INFORMATION

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